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SUBJ: BIO: FULVIO SUVICH

1. FULVIO SUVICH, ITALIAN STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (1932-1936) AND ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON (1936-1938) AT AGE 92 IS WELL AND LIVES IN TRIESTE. HE SPENDS MUCH OF HIS TIME TRAVELING BUT HAS TIME OCCASIONALLY FOR CONVERSATION ABOUT DAYS PAST.

2. AT DINNER WITH PRINCIPAL OFFICER JULY 5, SUVICH SAID THAT HE HAS DIFFICULTY RECALLING CURRENT EVENTS BECAUSE HE RETAINS LITTLE AT HIS AGE. HOWEVER HE REMEMBERS WITH REMARKABLE LUCIDITY THINGS PAST ALBEIT IN SOME CASES IN RATHER GENERAL TERMS. DURING HIS TOUR AS STATE SECRETARY, MUSSOLINI WAS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND MINISTER OF VARIOUS OTHER MINISTERIES AS WELL. AS A RESULT, SUVICH WAS THE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER DURING A KEY PERIOD IN ITALIAN HISTORY.

3. AT THE TIME, SUVICH HAD MUCH TO DO WITH THE SO-CALLED WESTERN APPROACH OF ITALY: FOUR POWER PACT (1933), ANTI-GERMAN REACTION AFTER DOLFUSS ASSASSINATION (1934), MUSSOLINI-LAVAL AGREEMENT (1935), AND THE STRESA MEETING (APRIL 1935). HE ALSO WAS THE ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT DURING THE EDEN-MUSSOLINI TALKS. WITH MUSSOLINI S  
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INCREASINGLY PRO-GERMAN STANCE, SUVICH S POSITION WAS UNTENABLE AND HE EVENTUALLY GAVE WAY TO GALEAZZO CIANO WHO TOOK OVER AS FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1936 AT THE AGE OF 33.

4. AMBASSADOR SUVICH ADMITS THAT HIS MEMORY IS NOT WHAT IT ONCE WAS, HOWEVER, HE RECALLS ANECDOTES FROM HIS THREE

MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WHO AMONG OTHER THINGS INVITED EDDA CIANO TO VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE AND ANOTHER TIME PROPOSED THROUGH SUVICH THAT ROOSEVELT AND MUSSOLINI MEET SOME PLACE IN THE ATLANTIC DURING MANEUVERS OF THE TWO NAVIES. THAT PROPOSAL WHICH SUVICH RETURNED TO ROME TO PRESENT TO MUSSOLINI WAS EVENTUALLY SQUELCHED BY PALAZZO CHIGI.

5. BORN IN THE MID 1880S, AN AUSTRIAN CITIZEN FOR 24 OF HIS 92 YEARS, AMBASSADOR SUVICH S EXPERIENCES SPAN A CENTURY OF CONVULSIVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE. IN HIS VIEW, HOWEVER, THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE REMAINS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. DESPITE STAGGERING TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, FOR EXAMPLE, SUVICH REMAINS CONVINCED THAT IT IS MAN AFTER ALL AND NOT HIS THINGS WHICH MAKE HISTORY. MOEN.

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